

PASSAGE OF TOWNSEND NATIONAL HIGHWAY BILL URGED

Numerous Economic Benefits
Outlined by Automobile BodyDealers' Association Asks
Concerted Aid From
Members.

PROPOSE COMMISSION

Would Eliminate County and
State Officials With Sub-
sequent Saving.

Asking that concerted action be taken toward the passage of the Townsend bill, which proposes to establish a national highways system, the National Automobile Dealers' association last month issued bulletins to its local members, in which the details of the bill were briefly set forth.

In its appeal to members for personal aid, in the form of writing to members of congress, it is set forth that one of the greatest obstacles toward the bill's passage lies in the plea that retrenchment and economy are America's greatest needs of today. The answer to that opposition is that the maintenance of good highways, that the economic gain will more than offset the cost of the building of highways. Through good roads, the cost of highway transportation and of food and other products may be lessened. And it is shown that the production of food will consequently be increased.

Strengthening of the national defense; stimulation of interstate commerce; increased postal facilities; release of state and county highway funds; concentration of government funds under capable directorship; equitable distribution of the cost of highway construction; stimulation of travel and of the "see America first" movement; and the strengthening of the spirit of nation, among the peoples of the states, are other benefits to be derived through the passage of the Townsend bill.

Probably the most vital proviso of the bill would be establishment of a five-man national highway commission, which would have sole control over the construction and maintenance of the national highway system, with the subsequent economical benefit through the elimination of state and county highway officials. The commission would be appointed by the president of the United States, with the advice and consent of the senate and with due regard to geographical location.

Thousands Annually
Visit Pierce-Arrow
Factory at Buffalo

How is the Pierce-Arrow made? That question is answered to the satisfaction of from 12,000 to 14,000 visitors who register at the factory of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car company of Buffalo every year. Many of them are users or prospective users of Pierce-Arrow cars and trucks.

"This fact, says a Pierce-Arrow official, demonstrates that the motor truck or passenger car user takes a keen interest in the actual manufacture of these products.

"Nothing is more convincing to a motorist or truck owner of the quality construction of Pierce-Arrow than an inspection of the factory," said the official.

"When a visitor sees with his own eyes the kind of materials used, the tests they are subjected to, the accuracy with which they are machined, the precautions taken to insure this accuracy, the system of inspection followed throughout manufacture, and the thoroughness of final testing, that visitor gains a clear knowledge of what is meant by Pierce-Arrow standards of quality."

Courteous guides are furnished to accompany visitors on trips of inspection at the Pierce-Arrow factory. A trip through the machine shops, assembling shops, test buildings, body shops, chemical laboratories, the power house, inspection departments and other parts of the factory, teams with interest, for the visitor witnesses the most modern methods of automobile manufacture.

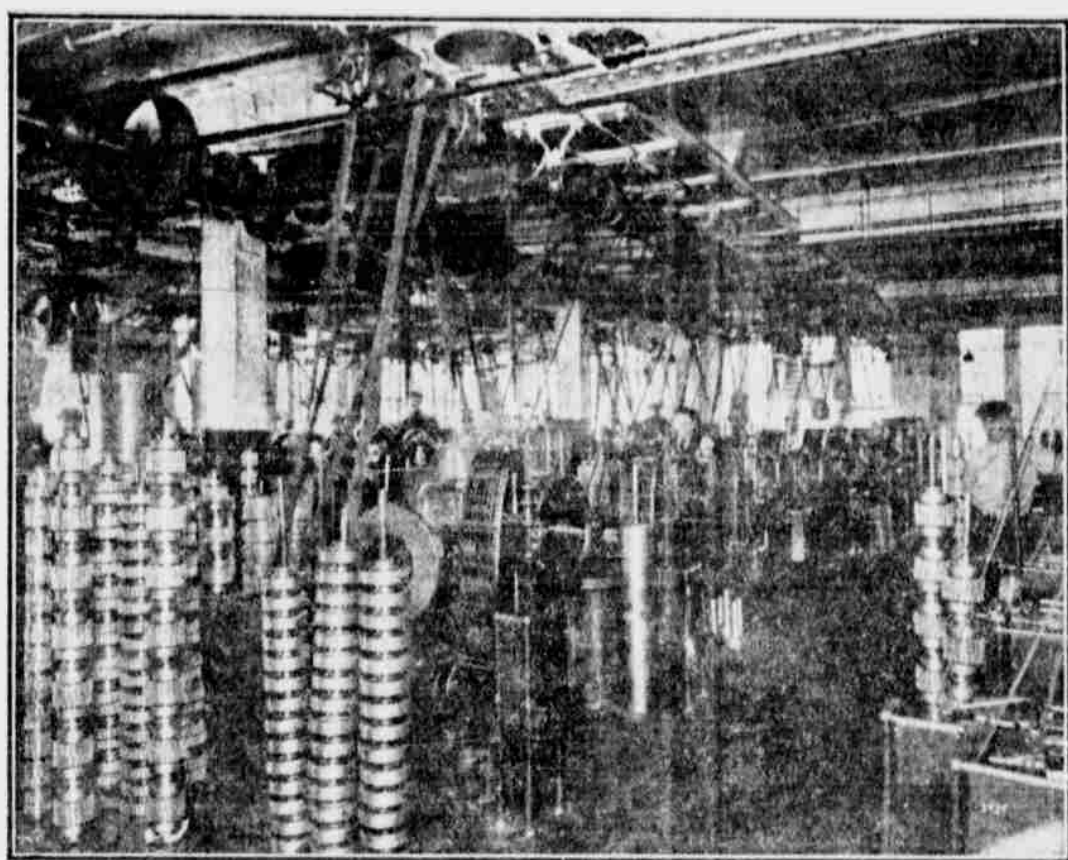
SELECTION IMPORTANT

Choice of Tires Demands Careful
Consideration—Study of Truck
Requirements Made

Proper selection of truck tires not only proves an economy, but is bringing about a better realization by the public of the merits of the motor truck, in the opinion of Firestone engineers.

In support of this contention the tire men call attention to discussions at the recent meeting of the National Association of Motor Truck Sales Managers at Detroit.

Alfred Reeves, general manager of the National Automobile cham-

Peerless Motor Car Company of Cleveland, Ohio,
Cuts Its Gears by Means of Automatic Machinery

Gear Cutting Department, Peerless Motor Car Company.

Above is a section of the gear-cutting department of the Peerless Motor Car company of Cleveland. The battery of machines seen here are automatic in their functioning and each gear is automatically cut correct and exactly like its fellow. Every part of the Peerless is manufactured in the 35-acre plant occupied by the Peerless company, and the metal that goes into every part is laboratory tested before it becomes a part of a Peerless Eight.

The Peerless Eight is distributed throughout Oklahoma by the Charles Lukins Auto company.

ber of commerce, in discussing truck legislation at that time, said investigations by the organization which he represents show that much of the public sentiment adverse to trucks grows out of the impression that they are harmful to the highways.

The fault, he said, can be practically obviated by the use of care on the part of the operator. Overloading, he affirmed, should be avoided and tires of proper width to insure sufficient contact with the road should be selected. He greatly emphasized this need for proper tire selection, a thing which he felt is

often overlooked and is quite essential to protection of the highways.

Engineers at the Firestone factories at Akron, Ohio, are giving a great deal of time and study to this question and are constantly studying tire needs on various types of trucks, as the result of which accurate information as to types and sizes of tires is available at all Firestone branches and service stations.

The Charles Lukins Auto Co. maintains a "Ship by Truck" Bureau, in charge of an expert on tire care. This service is rendered without cost.

OVER 200 DRIVERS
ARE INSTRUCTEDPackard-Oklahoma Com-
pany Is Gratified by
Success.

TO USE LARGE ROOM

Many Local Officials Take
Advantage of Free Course
Offered.

The 10-week free course for instruction of truck drivers organized by the Packard-Oklahoma Motor company, which opened last Monday night, was so well attended that the company finds it necessary to use a much larger room for the second session, which takes place next Monday night at 8 o'clock.

George Head, manager of the Packard truck department, spoke at the opening meeting, explaining just what the company had in mind relative to the school and mapping out a summary of the course.

Packard Men to Attend.

Mr. Head also announced that the second session would be attended by Mr. Knapp, chief truck engineer of the Packard factory, and Mr. Drew, assistant manager of the service department of the same firm, and further stated that from time to time during the course, the class will be addressed by experts from battery, ignition and magnet factories, also fire experts and men who will discuss oils. These men will gladly answer any questions in connection with their line, and should be able to impart much useful information.

The 200 members who enrolled the first night are urged to bring any of their friends who would like to benefit from the instruction, and are assured that ample room will be provided for their comfort.

Among the prominent heads of firms who attended the first meeting last Monday were Otis L. Brown of the Minnesota Lumber company, and J. R. Stockton, purchasing agent for the Producers and Refiners corporation. Mr. Stockton remarked that the information he received would help him greatly in picking the proper men to run his trucks, and give him the knowledge necessary with which to check truck maintenance.

Another feature in connection with the school will be the establishment of a free employment bureau for truck drivers which will be conducted by the Packard-Oklahoma Motor company.

Most Successful of
Gotham Automobile
Shows Is Concluded

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The most successful automobile show ever held in New York in two decades came to a close last night, when the curtain dropped on the passenger car display at the Grand Central palace and the motor truck exhibit at the High Coast Artillery armory.

Never in fact, has there been greater or more sustained interest in the show than there was this week, being just as large as that earlier in the week, due largely to the fact that there were many more strikingly new models to be seen this year than there were in 1918 and 1919 when war-time conditions restricted both mechanical and artistic development.

Since a week ago Father Knickerbocker has gotten an eye-full of more real automobile beauty than he ever did at previous shows, the American body designers having equaled, at least in their cars of 1920, the coachwork for which European designers have long been noted.

Both the passenger cars and motor trucks that have been on view here since last Saturday are scheduled for a repeat performance two weeks hence when the twentieth annual Chicago show will open in the Coliseum and adjoining buildings and in Dexter Park pavilion.

ducted by the Packard-Oklahoma Motor company for the purpose of furnishing employment for proficient truck drivers. Firms who are in need of drivers are requested to list their needs with the company, so that drivers may be furnished them.

Gramm Bernstein Trucks
to Supply Great Demand

A. J. Ameis and M. A. Harrison, owners of the Gramm Bernstein Motor Truck Sales company returned the early part of last week from a week's visit at the Gramm Bernstein motor truck factory at Lima, Ohio. Messrs. Ameis and Harrison brought back the news that Gramm Bernstein trucks are to be delivered in Tulsa in sufficient quantities to supply the steadily increasing demand that this popular truck has created in the local oil fields and for city transportation.

The factory at Lima is already displaying at the New York automobile show, the new type of truck that is peculiarly adapted for oil field work. This truck, Mr. Ameis says, will soon be in Tulsa for early deliveries and will prove even more popular than former models of Gramm Bernstein trucks.

NEW FEATURES IN
LATEST PEERLESSIngenuous Mechanism of
Closed Door Lock
One Feature.

MODELS ON EXHIBITION

New Coupe and Sedans Shown
at Charles Lukins Auto
Company.

The best designing brains of the automobile world have been centered on this year's Peerless Eight and the result of this concentration is shown in the many little conveniences and improvements in the 1920 model.

For instance, one of these is the mechanism of the closed car door locks. They are ingeniously arranged so that when the doors are locked with the key they may be opened from the inside by operating the pull handles and without unlocking the door with the key.

May Lock All Doors.

With this locking arrangement, all doors but one usually used by the driver may be left permanently locked, and when the driver leaves the car, the locking of this door is all that is necessary to completely lock the car.

The effect of this arrangement is similar to the effect of the inside switches used in some closed bodies, but with the additional advantage that the doors from the outside may be locked with the key when desired.

The lip on the black moulding at the lower side of all closed car windows is designed for the purpose of closing the door from the inside. It is more convenient than the handles sometimes used for this purpose, for the moulding is long enough so that some part of it is always within reach when the door is open.

Occupants of closed cars sometimes try to close the door by taking hold of the pull handle, which is intended for opening the door, by taking hold of the lever used for lifting the windows and by taking hold of a glass window which may be partly raised at the time. These methods should not be used. They are not satisfactory and glass breakage is likely to result from pressure used in so doing.

The new model coupe and sedan are now on the sales floor of the Charles Lukins Auto company, state distributors.

ARMY CASTE STILL LIVES

German Officers Wear Field Caps
When Being Recieved by Ebert.

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—President Ebert took to task some of the German army while on a recent visit to Russia for wearing their field caps. A Berlin newspaper says that he inquired why they did not wear their spiked helmets. Their reply was: "On our helmets are the words, 'With God for King and Fatherland.' In such helmets the generals cannot receive Mr. Ebert."

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